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In re application of:

Dietmar ZIELKE

Appl. No. 09/783,298

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For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS  
FOR RECOVERING AND  
RECYCLING TOBACCO DUST

Art Unit: 1731

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Sir:

Applicants petition for Withdrawal from Issue under 37 C.F.R. 1.313 (c)(2) of the above-identified Application to permit consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) under §1.97 that is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). The references in the IDS may be considered by the Examiner to be material to the patentability of one or more of the claims.

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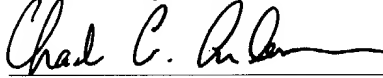
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A check in the amount of \$900.00 is attached. (Petition fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 (h) for \$130.00 and for the RCE fee of \$770.00). Should no fees be attached or should greater or lesser fees be required, please charge or credit our Deposit Account No. 22-0261 accordingly and notify the undersigned.

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